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# Words of Truth

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## Ignore The Signs

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False teachers, the news media, movies, books, magazines, and all sorts of sources of information seem to enjoy looking for signs of biblical significance. They seek out so called “biblical scholars” to discuss storms, rock formations, changes in stars, changes in the moon, and even tidal changes of the oceans. I wonder why none of those so-called “biblical scholars” that are sought for information give these Scriptures: *“The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? **A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign;** and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed”* (Matthew 16:1-4).

Sure, signs have been given through the sky, moon, stars, and sea (Genesis 1:14 and Luke 21:25). However, the word of God is now complete and reveals all that we need to know without signs for things to come (II Timothy 3:16-17 and II Peter 1:3-4). Signs were given to confirm what had been taught (Mark 16:20). Now we have the sure word revealed (II Peter 1:16-19).

Even with the clarity of the Scriptures we have, people are still caught up in science fiction thinking in regard to the Scriptures. Sometimes people see things that they cannot readily explain and they want to read something into it. Most often, those assumptions are to declare that a certain event is a sign that Jesus is coming soon and that we are in the last days. All of this is based upon biblical ignorance. Like anything, when you read into something that is not there, your imagination can lead you to a wrong conclusion. Getting the facts straight keeps us in line. Let’s start getting our facts straight by discussing the “last days”.

### No Sign Needed – We ARE In the Last Days

Since the first century, we have been in the last days. Notice: *“But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judæa, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams... God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds... Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that*

*antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time”* (Acts 2:14-17, Hebrews 1:1-2, and I John 2:18).

You have to ignore the Scriptures you just read to think that you need a sign to show that we are in the last days. There is no sign necessary for something that is PLAINLY declared. The same simplicity exists when you look at whether or not Jesus is coming soon. Ignorance occurs because people twist the Scriptures. However, the Bible plainly declares some things that should keep us from looking for signs of the coming of Christ.

### No Sign Needed – He Tells Us When He Is Coming

One of the most twisted contexts of the Scriptures, in regard to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, is the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew. In the context of this misunderstood chapter, Jesus began describing the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem (Matthew 23:34-24:2). That caused the disciples to ask when such would occur and when Jesus would return bringing about the destruction of the world (Matthew 24:3). There were two questions asked. Jesus answered both questions, but they are not tied together in any way other than they are both answered in the same context.

Jesus gave MANY signs about when Jerusalem would be invaded and the temple destroyed (Matthew 24:4-33). He ends answering that first question by saying: *“Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled”* (Matthew 24:34). That tells you that what Jesus taught from verses four through verse thirty-three occurred over 1900 years ago.

When Jesus answered the question in regard to His return and the end of the world, notice what He says: *“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. **But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only**”* (Matthew 24:35-36). If there was a sign, what would that mean? That would mean the Father would not be the only one who knows when Jesus is returning. That would mean the Lord lied. We KNOW that is not possible (Titus 1:2).



So, where does Jesus tell us when He is coming? Notice: *“Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh”* (Matthew 24:44). Jesus is not coming in a time we think He is coming (II Peter 3:10-14). Nobody will know when Jesus is coming (Matthew 25:13, Luke 12:40, and I Thessalonians 5:2). There are no signs, for Jesus said He’s coming when we’re not looking for Him to come!

### Conclusion

Any and all supposed signs are things we read into, not things God intends for us to see. God tells us to live ready every day for the coming of Christ and the Judgment Day (Mark 13:32-37). It is obedience to the Scriptures that will save your soul (James 1:21-25), not a supposed sign!